

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
MINUTES: September 29, 2008**

**LEGISLATION**

**MEMBERS:**

Chair: Burton; Legislators: Jenkins, Harckham, Rogowsky, Bronz, Abinanti, Nonna, Oros, Myers, Maisano

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**CE:** B. Randolph, A. Neuman; **CA:** M. Nicolas-Brewster, L. Cipollo; **DOH:** L. Meyerson, **BOL:** S. Bass, R. Pezzullo, C. Giliberti, C. Crane, J. Sold; **GUESTS:** L. Jones, **PRESS:** G. McKinstry (The Journal News),

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:17 p.m.

**Boards & Commissions**

(Jenkins, Harckham) Move to receive and file items 44-47, 53, 76, 85, 86 & B6. Motion approved 7-0.

**MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING LAW**

Legislator Abinanti gave an overview of the bill to limit idling time of motor vehicles. The county's current law prohibits idling in excess of three minutes only for vehicles which use diesel fuel. The latest version before the committee will require all vehicles to comply with the law.

There was discussion amongst committee members about how the measure will impact people particularly senior citizens. Local governments will follow our law or be able to pass something which is stricter.

There was discussion about regulating vehicles on school grounds. The question arose about whether the New York State Education Law dictates what goes on at school property or would it only regulate school buses not parents cars.

There was a conversation about which vehicles are considered emergency vehicles and how police officers will enforce this proposed new law.

Chairman Burton asked for letters to be sent to municipalities, school districts and police departments notifying them of the public hearing.

Chairman Burton stated that The Committee on Legislation will meet next week at 1:30 p.m. and jointly with The Committee on Environment and Energy at 3:30 p.m. to further discuss the Motor Vehicle Idling bill.

At Legislator Abinanti's request, Mr. Burton asked the County Attorney's Office to draft corrective legislation renumbering Chapter 702 of the Westchester County Code.

(Jenkins, Maisano) Move to adjourn the Committee on Legislation. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST**